

**UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST**  
**REGARDING THE FIREWORKS LICENSE FEES**  
**CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 19, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 981.3**

**Summary of Existing Laws**

Health and Safety Code (H & S Code) § 12552 (a-h) requires the SFM to adopt regulations relating to fireworks including; granting of licenses and permits for the manufacture, wholesale, import, export and sales of all classes of fireworks; classification of all pyrotechnic devices; licenses and permits for public displays and experimentation; investigation, examination, and licensing pyrotechnic operators licenses; registration of emergency signaling devices; and the transportation of all classifications of fireworks, model rockets, emergency signaling devices, and exempt fireworks.

Health and Safety Code (H & S Code) § 12630 requires the SFM to establish and collect the original and annual renewal fees for firework licenses. The fees shall not exceed the amount necessary to cover administration and enforcement of the program.

Health and Safety Code (H & S Code) § 12631 requires the SFM to establish and collect the original and annual license renewal fees to manufacture, import, export, or wholesale agricultural and wildlife fireworks.

Health and Safety Code (H & S Code) § 12632 requires the SFM to establish and collect an original and renewal license fee to manufacture, import, export, or wholesale model rocket engines.

Health and Safety Code (H & S Code) § 12633 requires the SFM to collect an application and \$50.00 registration fee for emergency signaling devices.

**Summary of Existing Regulations**

California Code of Regulations, T-19, Article 3, Section 981.3 currently requires the SFM to collect an original and annual renewal license fees to manufacture, import, export, or wholesale pyrotechnic devices.

**Summary of Effect**

This proposed action will amend the California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Article 3, Section 981.3 to include a one-time \$50.00 application fee for the following pyrotechnic devices:

- ☐ High Powered Rocket Motors
- ☐ Safe & Sane Fireworks
- ☐ Party Poppers
- ☐ Snap Caps/Snappers
- ☐ Emergency Signaling Devices
- ☐ Agriculture/Wildlife
- ☐ Exempt Fireworks

The SFM has proposed amendments based upon their direct statutory authority regarding the adoption and amendment of regulations relating to fire, panic and safety. This action is consistent with current statute.

#### **Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations**

There are no comparable Federal statutes or regulations regarding the subjects of this proposed rulemaking by the SFM.

#### **Small Business Affect**

The Office of the State Fire Marshal has found no evidence of an adverse economic impact on small businesses.